THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Festival of India in Japan will take place from April to October, 1988.

(b) The total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the Festival of India in Japan is Rs. 400 lakhs.

(c) It is proposed to send some art objects and antiques for display purposes only in certain Exhibitions.

Expansion of Vayudoot Services

*231. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was appointed to recommend measures for the expansion of Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if so, to what extent these have been accepted and the steps taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In the year 1983, Shri R. P. Billimoria, the then Part-time Chairman of Indian Airlines, was asked to undertake a study regarding the organisational structure of Vayudoot, its present and future operations and the economic viability of operations etc.

(b) The committee made as many as 48 recommendations dealing with corporate planning, wage structure, fleet augmentation, financial viability etc.

(c) and (d) Of the 48 recommendations, 39 recommendations were accepted by the Government for implementation. Four recommendations which were advisory in nature were noted and the remaining five recommendations were not found acceptable by the Government. Vayudoot have already been asked to implement the recommendations accepted by the Government.

West Coast line from Apta on Central Railway

*232. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of West Coast line from Apta on Central Railway to Mangalore on Southern Railway via Roha, Dasgaon, Ratnagiri, Madgaon, Karwar and Udupi, through Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka, has been finalised; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The New Line from Apta to Roha has been commissioned. Survey to evaluate the project for construction of West-Coast line as a whole from Roha to Mangalore has been taken up and is in progress.

Alleged anti-Indian activities by foreign scholars in the Indian Institutes of Advanced Studies, Shimla

*233. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of